

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 18th January 2015

Contest Results

Results for the IRTS 40m Counties Contest 2014 have now been published. This was the inaugural IRTS 40m counties contest and was very welcomed by the contest participants, with 27 counties active during the event. See www.irts.ie/results for the IRTS Contest Results page.

IRTS AGM & Annual Rally

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will host the 83rd IRTS Dinner AGM & Radio Rally in Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny on 25th & 26th April 2015. Tickets for the annual dinner which will be held on the Saturday evening at 7:00 pm are now available from John Ronan EI7IG. Tickets are priced at €35 each. Admission to the dinner is by ticket only. www.irts.ie/rallies

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club

The first 2015 rally is the annual Phoenix Amateur Radio Club rally, which takes places as usual in the Coolmine Community School, near Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, on Sunday 15th February.

Limerick Radio Club Rally – Date Change 29th March 2014

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Radisson Hotel Limerick cannot accommodate the original date planned for our rally. The new date is now Sunday 29th March 2015.

More 5MHz channels for Czech Amateurs

The current number of 5MHz channels available under the new 2015 permit, has been increased from 6 to 12 and a substantial number of these have been aligned primarily with the UK and also the US allocations

The new additional channels are:- 5276.0 KHz 5298.0 KHz 5313.0 KHz 5333.0 KHz

5362.0 KHz 5395.0 KHz The above are the USB Dial Frequencies, the CW Frequencies being 1.5 KHz above the USB Dial Frequencies.

All other Czech 5MHz permit criteria remains as before, (Max Power 100W e.r.p., 3KHz Max. Bandwidth) except that there is now no limit to the number of permits available.

ARRL Library Goes Live

After several months of planning, The ARRL Library is now live! The online Library is a free repository of educational presentations and oral histories. It is aimed at helping to preserve Amateur Radio's history and to educate clubs and individuals.

The ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X says that "This is your opportunity to submit material for the betterment and education of all radio amateurs."

Kutuzov invites all radio amateurs to submit material for consideration in The ARRL Library — as long as it relates to Amateur Radio. The Public Relations Committee will vet all submissions, and if a submission is approved, it will be entered in The ARRL Library.

5th Annual Youngsters On the Air (YOTA)

The 5th annual Youngsters On The Air (YOTA) event will take place in Marina Di Massa, Tuscany, Italy, from 18-25 July 2015. Interested operators/SWL's to represent Ireland aged 15-25 are now being sought. Funding is being provided by IARU Region 1 & IRTS. Anybody interested in participating should contact Ger McNamara EI4GXB via email ei4gxb/at/gmail/dot/com no later than Friday 23 January 2015. Further details are available at www.irts.ie/yota

DX News

Eric OE4AAC will be on holidays in the Seychelles from 17 January – 10 February. While there he will be QRV on CW as S79AC on 10 – 40m. His log and a OQRS facility will be available on ClubLog on his return to Austria in mid-February.

Gene N9SW will be on St Barthelemy in the Caribbean as FJ/N9SW. He will be mainly on CW on 40 – 6m during this holiday visit. QSL to his home call.

Another Caribbean visitor will be Jon W5JON who will be visiting his home at Calypso Bay on St Kitts from 20 January – 1 March. QSLs go to his W5JON Texas address.

Richard AD7AF will be active from East Kiribati as T32RL from 22 January – 9 February. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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